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SUBJ: W/W: AMCIT PRISONERS IN BOLIVIA

REF: STATE 45923

1. A DENTIST RECOMMENDED BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE LOCAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION HAS BEGUN TREATING TEN MALE U.S. CITIZEN PRISONERS MOST NEEDING ATTENTION WITHIN THE CONFINES OF SAN PEDRO PRISON WHERE BASIC DENTAL EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE. HE HAS EXPRESSED NO INTEREST IN TREATING OTHER PRISONERS ONCE HE COMPLETES THE WORK ON THESE TEN AND WE WILL LOCATE ANOTHER QUALIFIED DENTIST AS REQUIRED. A SECOND WELL KNOWN DENTIST HAS EXAMINED THE FIVE AMERICAN WOMEN AT THE WOMEN'S JAIL. AS NO DENTAL EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT THIS FACILITY HE HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH A REPORT ON EACH WOMAN WHICH WE IN TURN WILL SUBMIT TO THE JUDGE ALONG WITH A REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL LEAVE FOR OUTSIDE DENTAL TREATMENT. A LARGE SEGMENT OF THE BOLIVIAN POPULATION IS NOT CONCERNED WITH DENTAL HYGIENE TO THE EXTENT THAT WE ARE IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS MAY PARTIALLY ACCOUNT FOR OUR PREVIOUS REQUESTS FOR DENTAL TREATMENT NOT BEING HONORED. BASED ON CONOFF'S CONVERSATION WITH ONE OF THE JUDGES, EMBASSY HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT JUDGES WILL BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO DENTAL CARE REQUESTS IF ACCOMPANIED BY A DENTIST'S RECOMMENDATION.

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2. REGARDING LACK OF ATTENTION BY LAWYER AND LACK OF RECENT HEARINGS THE CONSUL IS MEETING WITH EACH OF THE ATTORNEYS TO EXPRESS U.S. GOVT INTEREST IN SPEEDY AND JUST TRIALS NOW THAT THE NEW LAW HAS BEEN ENACTED.

EACH MEETING IS BEING FOLLOWED UP WITH A LETTER TO THE

ATTORNEY WITH A COPY TO THE JUDGE HAVING JURISDICTION.

3. WE ARE LOOKING INTO THE REMAINING ALLEGATIONS AND WILL
REPORT FINDING IN SEPARATE CABLE.

4. EMBASSY ALSO PREPARING INFORMATION SHEET, MAINLY FOR NEW
PRISONERS BUT TO BE GIVEN TO ALL, TELLING THEM BASICS ABOUT
MAIL, VISITORS, PHONE CALLS, MEDICAL CARE, ETC., AND HOW
TO GET CONSULAR ASSISTANCE WHEN NEEDED. WILL POUCH COPIES
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